

ServSafe Alcohol® Online Course Glossary

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Administrative Liability: A legal responsibility to follow the law. Failure to meet that responsibility can result in administrative penalties by the liquor authority.

Alcohol By Volume (ABV): The percentage of a liquor that is alcohol.

BAC Chart: A reference tool that can be used to estimate an individual's blood alcohol content based on their weight and the number of drinks consumed.

Blood Alcohol Content (BAC): The amount of alcohol in a person's bloodstream expressed as a percentage. It can also be stated as the percentage of a person's blood that is alcohol.

Bottle Service: Service situation in which bottles of liquor are sold to a table of guests, along with the necessary mixers, garnishes, and other supplies; so guests can mix their own drinks.

Civil Liability: Being held responsible for payment of damages for injuring a person. If an employee breaks alcohol laws and somebody gets hurt, he or she can be sued in court and forced to pay damages. This can happen if actions contributed to the person's injury or if nothing was done to prevent the injury.

Criminal Liability: A legal responsibility to follow the law. In this case, alcohol laws written by states, counties, cities and towns. Failure to meet that responsibility can result in criminal penalties.

Designated Driver: Guest within a group of drinkers who agrees not to consume alcohol and will drive for other guests.

Distilling: Process which removes water from a fermented beverage to make the beverage stronger.

Dram Shop Law: A special kind of civil liability that allows an establishment and its owners and employees to be sued by someone injured by a patron who had been drinking alcohol at the establishment.

Ethanol: The principle type of alcohol found in alcoholic beverages.

Free Pouring: Measuring liquor by hand without using a measurement device such as a jigger.

ID Checking Guide: Reference used to validate IDs. It typically includes samples of each state's drivers' licenses and a detailed description of minor IDs, state ID cards, and valid drivers' licenses in current circulation.

Impaired Judgment: Lessening of the ability to make sensible decisions. This may be a sign of intoxication.

Impaired Motor Coordination: Lessening of physical coordination or ability. This may be a sign of intoxication.

ID Reader: Device used to validate IDs by reading information encoded in an ID's bar codes or magnetic stripes.

Liability: A legal responsibility.

Liquor Authority: State or local agency that enforces alcohol regulations and licensing laws.

Proof: Measure of a liquor's strength. The percentage of alcohol in a liquor can be determined by dividing its proof in half.

Relaxed Inhibitions: Lessening of an individual's normal restraint, allowing the person to say or do things he or she normally would not. This may be a sign of intoxication.

Slowed Reaction Time: Slowing of physical responses and actions. This may be a sign of intoxication.

Tolerance: Drinker's ability to endure the effects of alcohol without exhibiting signs of intoxication.

Valid ID: A legally acceptable form of identification that is current, intact, and that contains the owner's photo, birth date and signature.